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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN TANKS

REF: AMMAN 3033

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD HAVE EXAMINED QUESTION OF TANK DATA
CLOSELY.

2. M48 SERIES TANK HULLS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE IN THE
U.S. INVENTORY FOR CONVERSION.

3. M60A1 TANK PRODUCTION LINE IS BEING PHASED OUT 1 SEPT
78 AND IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY GOJ COULD PLACE AND FUND FIRM
ORDER BEFORE PRODUCTION CEASES.

4. FYI. M60A3 WILL REMAIN IN PRODUCTION UNTIL MARCH 1982,
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BUT IS NOT RELEASEABLE TO GOJ. M60A3 HAS NOT BEEN RE-
LEASED TO ANY MID-EAST COUNTRY.

5. CONTINUE FYI - JCS STUDY OF TANKS FOR JORDAN CONCLUDES
THAT CENTURION UPGRADING IS SIGNIFICANTLY CHEAPER THAN
PURCHASE OF NEW TANKS. THE ESTIMATED PRICE OF 82 MILLION
POUNDS (\$154 MILLION U.S.) FOR CENTURION CONVERSION COMPARES

TO AN ESTIMATED PRICE OF \$300 MILLION FOR PURCHASE OF 287

M60A1 TANKS, NOT INCLUDING COST OF AMMUNITION. THE STUDY FURTHER STATES THAT A COMPARISON OF WEAPONS EFFECTIVENESS INDICATORS, WHICH ARE NOT TOTALLY VALID IN ALL SITUATIONS, INDICATE THAT THE CENTURION IS SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN THE M60A1, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT INFERIOR TO THE M60A3. CONVERTING THE CENTURIONS WOULD ALSO RENDER MOOT THE POTENTIAL PROBLEM OF CENTURION DISPOSAL. END FYI. VANCE

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